

**THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**25 NORTH BROADWAY**  
**PERU, INDIANA 46970**  
**April 7, 2008**

Commissioner Deeds called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hawley is out of town for a jail conference meeting.

**SMOKING ORDINANCE**

The Board was asked by Mr. Wilson from the Smoke Free group if they were ready to sign the Smoking Ordinance. He also introduced Tim Filler and Craig Wesley to the Board. They were at the public hearings and are representatives of various smoke free organizations. The Board told Mr. Wilson that Commissioner Hawley is out of town and they will not be making any decisions until they are all in attendance. The Board also asked Mr. Filler and Wesley to bring or send them information concerning the laws passed by surrounding states. It is the opinion of the Board that the State of Indiana should have addressed this issue instead of placing it in the lap of local governments. The Board also mentioned they got a letter from Shannon Harshman supporting the Smoking Ordinance.

**FLAMABLE STORAGE UNIT**

The Board received an invoice in the amount of \$340.95 for a storage unit for flammable liquids. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to pay the claim. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds and passed 2-0.

**RQAW**

The Board received an invoice for the jail project. This one is for February in the amount of \$148,148.58. A motion to approve the paying of this bill was made by Commissioner Boyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds. The motion passed 2-0.

The Board received a bill from RQAW for \$45,745.14 for the month of March. Commissioner Boyer moved to pay the bill. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds and passed 2-0.

**WIND POWER DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed the Co Op formed in Howard County concerning the use of wind power energy. Duke Energy sent a letter to invest in it. The Board noted there is a test wind tower outside Macy. No action taken.

**COCACOLA BOTTLING COMPANY**

The Board received a contract with the company to allow the County 20% of the gross amount collected. This will be brought back to the next meeting.

**CIRCUS CITY FESTIVAL**

The Board was asked to use the County grounds and parking during the Circus City Festival. The Board approved all except the use of the parking lot on the south east corner of Main and Miami Streets. The County does not own this lot. The Auditor will fax a replay and approval to Mr. Gallahan at the Circus City Festival office. Commissioner Boyer moved to allow. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds and passed 2-0.

**WEEKLY JAIL REPORT**

Dave Vitek brought the weekly jail report to the Board.

**CITIZEN COMPLAINT**

An individual complained about the trustee at Deedsville. Commissioner Deeds explained how the funding for the trustees is received and the proper procedure to bring the complaint before the Board of Commissioners. No action taken.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Sam Waltz told the Board that the tile work on 900 south is finished.

Commissioner Boyer and Mr. Waltz discussed the culvert at McGrawsville Road and State Road 18. This is a ditch known as copper creek. It was noted that a new structure will be placed in that area. No further action taken.

Highway Department told the Board he has submitted a transfer of \$105,000 from trucks to fuel in the budget. He noted that he has trucks with over 300,000 miles on them. He has one with water in the oil that has to be addressed.

Mr. Waltz said he will be prioritizing the repairs to the County roads due to the shortage of funds and the cost of materials.

Commissioner Boyer moved to support the transfer made by the Highway Department. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds and passed 2-0.

#### JAIL PROJECT

The Board received a bill for portable toilet at the jail site. A motion to pay the bill was made by Commissioner Boyer. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds and passed 2-0.

#### JAIL BONDS

The Board noted that the jail bonds were sold last week to City Securities Corp. at a rate of 5.2169% interest rate.

#### TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

John Powell told the Board that he is hoping by the end of this month we can discontinue paying both Manatron and 39 degrees north for GIS.

The voting machines are ready for Election Day.

The e mail server is 2 years old and he wants to update it. A motion to allow the update was made by Commissioner Boyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds. The motion passed 2-0.

Mr. Powell requested permission to attend a conference in Florida for the Cisco software. Jim Comerford from 9-1-1 will also be attending along with 2 dispatchers and possibly the IT Director from the City of Peru. The conference is September 6<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. The total for the trip would be \$940. Commissioner Boyer moved to allow. Commissioner Deeds 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0.

Commissioner Deeds asked if the issues in the Recorder's office had been addressed. Mr. Powell said he checked the yellow pages web site and he could get on it from her setting. Commissioner Deeds said this would be followed up on.

#### MIAMIGO/YMCA BUS

The Board received the 2007 summary of final expenses. The amount was \$294,854.

#### PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Boyer moved to allow the payment of payroll and claims from last week. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds and passed 2-0.

#### MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to approve the minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds and passed 2-0.

#### TOURISM/INNKEEPERS TAX

Commissioner Deeds mentioned that Commissioner Hawley asked him to find out from David Grund if there is anything the Board should be doing. No action taken.

#### HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen told the Board he has spoken with Eric Breun concerning bridge 28. He expects the surveys early May concerning the sub structure in the middle of the river. Mr. Einselen told the Board of his progress on finding some of the right of way documents from the 1920's. He has more research to do.

The Board asked Mr. Einselen to find out how much the County will need next year for the 31 south project.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY/DAVID GRUND

Mr. Grund told the Board he has reviewed the two contracts brought to them by the Clerk of the Courts. These are for reimbursements for child support IV-D. The Board and Mr. Grund discussed the contracts and it was decided they would bring these back next week for approval of one.

#### FENCE ISSUE

Mr. Grund told the Board that the fence issue is exactly as he quoted before and they should let him know what they wish him to do. The trustee takes over the building of the fence and if one party is not willing to pay their fair portion it is assessed on their taxes. No further action taken at this time.

#### COURT HOUSE CELEBRATION

Jeff Price told the Board the date for the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Court House is October 12, 2008. The Historical Society will be making the programs with the Board's permission. There will be an art exhibit that will be judged. A poster will be created to sell and Tom Gustin will be in charge of music. They are trying to make this an entire County event and letters have gone out to churches to provide food. There are still issues to work out but he is just giving an update. No further action taken.

#### SIEMANS BILL

A bill for \$68 for parts was received by the Board. Neither of the Commissioners knew anything about this bill so it will be held until next week.

Commissioner Boyer moved to adjourn. Commissioner Deeds 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0.

#### THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_, CHAIRMAN  
**GARY D. HAWLEY**

\_\_\_\_\_, VICE CHAIRMAN  
**GREGORY DEEDS**

\_\_\_\_\_, MEMBER  
**C. CRAIG BOYER**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor  
**Brenda Weaver**